(b) Yes, Sir.

Demand for closing minorities run Colleges in Delhi

3080. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the demand made by a National Political Party after New Government took over in last December, 1987, for closing down of some minorities run colleges in the University of Delhi; and

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA): (a) This Department do not appear to have received any specific demand from a National Political Party for closing down of some minorities run colleges of the Delhi University. According to the information furnished by University Grants Commission and Delhi University, no such demand has been received by them also.

(b) Does not arise.

Approval to Private Institutions for Computer Training

3081. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether some private institutions have been given approval for providing training in computers;

(b) if so, what are the norms for providing such approval;

(c) what are the names of the institutions approved so far providing computer training; and

(d) whether these training courses are recognised for Government jobs?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (PROF. M. G. K. MENON): (a) and (b) No, Sir. However, it has been decided to implement a scheme for recognition of private sector training institutes conducting computer courses. The scheme will be implemented by Computer Society of India (CSI) and Institute of Electronics & Telecommunication Engineers (IETE). CSI and IETE will evaluate the institutes, and only those meeting the defined quality and service standards like availability of faculty, computer facilities, library, class room etc. would be approved to run the prescribed courses. CSI and IETE will also conduct examinations for these courses.

(c) As the scheme is very recent no institutions have as yet been approved.

(d) A proposal to recognise the diplomas/certificates awarded by CSI/IETE for Government jobs, is under consideration.

Exploitation of Atomic Minerals in the Country

3082. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether any survey has recently been conducted regarding availability of atomic minerals in various parts of the country;

(b) if so, what arrangements have been made for their exploitation; and

(c) the amount of funds allocated in the current financial year for the survey of new deposits of atomic minerals and their exploitation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (PROF. M. G. K. MENON): (a) Yes, Sir. Atomic Minerals Division, a unit of the Department of Atomic Energy, has been conducting survey and exploration for Atomic

Minerals since the last four decades in various parts of the country. Geological investigations were continued during the field season 1989-90 for Atomic Minerals.

(b) The Atomic Mineral occurences and deposits found through these surveys are in different stages of exploration and evaluation. Atomic Minerals deposits after evaluation by AMD are handed over for exploitation to Uranium Corporation of India Ltd. (UCIL) and Indian Rare Earths Ltd. (IREL); Public Sector Undertakings under the administrative control of the Department of Atomic Energy.

(c) The budget allocation for the three organisations from Government funds for the current financial year is as follows:—

1. Atomic Mineral Division	Rs. 23.72 crores
2. Indian Rare Earths Limited	NIL
3. Uranium Corporation of India Ltd.	Rs. 40 crores

Proposals from Cultural Organisations of West Bengal for Grants

3083. PROF. SOURENDRA BHATTACHARJEE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any proposals from the various Cultural Institutions/Organisations and related bodies in West Bengal for grant of financial assistance;

(b) whether some of those proposals have been recommended by the West Bengal Government and other authorities; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the present stage of consideration by Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Concession to help army deserters after Operation Blue Star

3084. SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had announced a series of concessions in June this year to help the army deserters who had left their barracks in the wake of Operation Blue Star in 1984; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (DR. RAJA RAMANNA): (a) and (b) A package of conceessions was recently announced to help the Army personnel who had deserted in the wake of Operation Blue Star in 1984.

2. The Ministry of Home Affairs, who deal with the matter, have advised that:

(i) The names of 347 post-Blue Star Army deserters, who needed